

Council Offices,
Bimport,
Shaftesbury,
Dorset.

31st. May, 1946.

To: The Chairman and Members of the Council
of the Sherborne Urban District.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit the Annual Report
of the Medical Officer of Health for the year 1945.

The Report is prepared, and will be circulated,
in accordance with the requirements of Article 17(5) of
the Sanitary Officers (Outside London) Regulations, 1935,
and Ministry of Health Circular 49/45.

Dr. G. Bodley Scott was your temporary Medical
Officer of Health during the time to which this Report
relates and I am obliged to him and to your Surveyor and
Sanitary Inspector, Mr. Bean, for the information
contained in the Report.

I do not consider that the Report calls for any
special comment from me.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient Servant,

W. D. Dawson.

Medical Officer of Health.

S H E R B O R N E U R B A N D I S T R I C T

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR

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A STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area - 1650 acres

Rateable Value - £52653

Sum represented by a penny rate - £226

Extracts from Vital Statistics

Not yet available

B. WATER SUPPLIES

Supply	Public	Chlor.or Unchlor.	Usual Bacteriological Condition
From Springs (1) & bores (3)	Own	Filtered & chlorinated	Varies untreated. In order after treatment.
<u>Private Supplies</u>			
Farm and Cottages above our supply	Sherborne Castle Estate	Unchlor- inated	Varies
All other private supplies have either been closed or are only used for cooling and washing down etc.			

Quality and Quantity

Quantity - If 1946 is a dry year following on a sequence of dry years, the Council will be only able to supply existing premises and the R.N. Hospital. The deficiency in rainfall being worse than the rainfall in return shows, as heavy storms in the Summer do not have much helpful influence on the underground supplies being carried off to the rivers, particularly now so much ditching and ploughing is in progress.

<u>Tests for Purity</u>	<u>Per Annum</u>
- Informal chlorine residual by Water Engineer.	386
By Dorset County Laboratory before chlorination.	37
Bacteriological reports by Dorset County Laboratory after chlorination	62
Ditto. on private supplies	5
Chemical Analysis & Bacteriological Reports by Counties Laboratory, London	2

Extract from Chemical and Bacteriological Report dated 5th. September, 1945.

This sample has faint opalescence and slight deposit due to the presence of a trace of iron but the turbidity is not excessive. The water is neutral in reaction, hard in character but not to an abnormal degree and contains no excess of salinity or mineral constituents in solution. It is of very satisfactory organic and bacterial purity.

These results are consistent with a pure and wholesome water suitable for public supply purposes apart from the objection that it is not quite clear and bright in appearance.

Works carried out during the year.

The Blackmarsh Pumping Station for the alternative water supply has been placed in use.

Domestic Supply.

No houses are supplied from public standpipes. A few pairs of adjacent houses share common supply taps.

C. DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

Sewerage works owned by the Council

These are sufficient for normal needs but are at the present time overloaded by the extra load from the R.N. Hospital and from surface water entering sewers

Consultant Engineers have been asked to report on :-

1. The present disposal work
2. The sewers of the district in general.

D. PUBLIC REFUSE

This is collected by local arrangements made by the Council, weekly, by S.& D. Freighter. Salvage is similarly collected fortnightly.

E. FACTORY EFFLUENTS

No action was required to be taken during the year with regard to the above.

F. RIVERS AND STREAMS - POLLUTION

No action was required to be taken during the year with regard to the above.

G. NO. OF SANITARY INSPECTIONS CARRIED OUT DURING THE YEAR

(1)	Total No. of inspections (under all headings)	-	23
	Total No. of Informal Notices served	-	10
	Total No. of Informal Notices complied with	-	10
	Total No. of Statutory Notices served	-	1
	Total No. of Statutory Notices complied with	-	1

(2) No. of inspections carried out during the year under :-

(a)	Factories Act	.....	-	4
(b)	Shops Act	.....	-	7

H. HOUSING

1. Inspection of dwellinghouses during the year :-

(1)	(a)	Total No. of dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects (under P.H. or Housing Acts)	.....	-	10
	(b)	No. of inspections made for the purpose		-	15
(2)	(a)	No. of dwellinghouses (included under (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925	.....	-	None
	(b)	No. of inspections made for the purpose		-	-

H. HOUSING continued.....

(3)	No. of dwellinghouses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	.....	-	None
(4)	No. of dwellinghouses (exclusive of those ref. to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	.....	-	3
2.	Remedy of defects during the year without service of Formal Notices :-			
	No. of defective dwellinghouses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the L.A. or their officers	.....	-	3
3.	Action under Statutory Powers during the year :-			
(a)	Proceedings under Section 9,10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936 :-			
(1)	No. of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs		-	None
(2)	No. of dwellinghouses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :-			
(a)	By owners		-	-
(b)	By L.A. in default of owners		-	-
(b)	Proceedings under Public Health Acts :-			
(1)	No. of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied		-	1
(2)	No. of dwellinghouses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices			
(a)	By owners		-	1
(b)	By L.A. in default of owners		-	
(c)	Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936 :-			
(1)	No. of dwellinghouses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made		-	None
(2)	No. of dwellinghouses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders		-	-
(d)	Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936 :-			
(1)	No. of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made		-	
(2)	No. of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit		-	
4.	Housing Act, 1936 -- Part IV - Overcrowding :-			
(a) (i)	No. of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year		-	No action as no alternative accommodation available
(b)	No. of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year		-	
(c) (i)	No. of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year		-	
(ii)	No. of persons concerned in such cases		-	
(d)	Particulars of any cases in which dwellinghouses have again become overcrowded after the local authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding			No action

I. INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

(a) Milk Supply

No. of persons on Register at the end of 1945	- 11
No. of Dairy Farms and other Dairy premises on Register at the end of 1945	- 11
No. of Dairy Farms inspected during 1945	- ALL
No. of inspections	- 22
No. of Notices served	- None
No. of Notices complied with	- -
No. of Milkshops inspected during 1945	- ALL
No. of inspections	- 8
No. of Notices served	- None
No. complied with	- -

(b) Meat and other Foods

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Carcases Inspected and Condemned

(1)	Cattle	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	1703	2576	2852	186
Number inspected	1703	2576	2852	186
<u>All diseases, except Tuberculosis</u>				
Whole carcasses condemned	48	26	2	1
Carcase of which some part or organ was condemned	911	74	161	20
Percentage of the No. inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis	56.31	3.49	5.71	11.29
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>				
Whole carcasses condemned	45	4	-	2
Carcase of which some part or organ was condemned	395	13	-	16
Percentage of the No. inspected affected with Tuberculosis	25.83	.66	-	9.68

Inspection and Supervision of Food continued.....

Corned Beef etc.

357 tins weighing 1,345 lbs
1 Frozen fore-quarter Beef... 108 lbs.

Carcases Inspected and Condemned

(2)	Diseases other than T.B.				T.B.			
	Cattle.	Calves.	Sheep.	Pigs.	Cattle.	Calves.	Sheep.	Pigs.
Whole carcasses	48	26	2	1	45	4	-	2
Whole livers	338	23	105	3	103	3	-	2
Part livers	399	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tripe	45	-	-	-	29	-	-	-
Udders	65	-	-	-	7	-	-	-
Heads & Tongues	54	4	-	2	150	-	-	8
Lungs	90	10	46	3	238	3	-	3
Kidney	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hind Quarters	10	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
Fore Quarters	22	4	-	5	10	-	-	-
Fats	39	3	-	2	45	-	-	5
Feet	37	4	-	1	21	-	-	-
Spleen	30	9	8	2	33	3	-	1

Number of Inspections carried out at :-

- (a) Premises registered for the manufacture of ice-cream or prepared meals etc. - 7
(b) Food premises (otherwise subject to the Food & Drugs Act, 1938) - 3
(c) No. of Notices served - None
(d) No. of Notices complied with - -

J. INSPECTIONS CARRIED OUT IN RESPECT TO INFECTIOUS DISEASE

- No. of visits of investigation carried out on cases of infectious disease during the year - 8
No. of disinfections (of house or contents) carried out during the year - 8
No. of disinfestations of house or contents carried out on account of Scabies during the year - -

K. PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during 1945

<u>Disease</u>	<u>Total Cases Notified</u>	<u>Cases admitted to Hospital</u>	<u>Total Deaths</u>
Scarlet Fever	7	6	-
Measles	6	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	1	1	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	2	2	-
Lobar Pneumonia	2	-	-

Tuberculosis

<u>New Cases</u>		<u>Deaths</u>	
<u>Respiratory</u>	<u>Non-Respiratory</u>	<u>Respiratory</u>	<u>Non-Respiratory</u>
10	-	1	-

L. DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

	<u>Under 5</u>	<u>Over 5</u>
Total No. of children who completed course of treatment during the year	81	10
Estimated percentage of children protected at 30th. June, 1945	72%	80%

N.F. Pearson

Medical Officer of Health.

